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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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In re the application of: **HIRAYAMA, Toshikazu et al.**

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Examiner: **Ann Y. Lam**

For: **DRUG SYRINGE**

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: December 17, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated **September 24, 2003** of the Primary Examiner.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. A petition for a month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection was filed on .
2. A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
3. **XX** Fee -\$330.00 or Small Entity -\$165.00

Enclosed

In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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